

# **CITY OF GERMANTOWN**

## **AMBULANCE RFP**

### **ADDENDUM NO.2**

The attached items on the above-named Project will be updated and adjusted (if required) by this Addendum No. 2 so as to reflect the revision to the Request for Proposals:

#### **VENDOR QUESTIONS:**

1. Questions in RFP Section III.1(C) Scope of Services:

- Does the city of Germantown require the all ALS response units in this RFP to be able to provide Critical Care transportation services?
- How many 9-1-1 calls a year result in the need for a specialty CCU capability?
- What is the definition of CCU capability

**ANSWER:** The City is requesting the contractor to provide, at minimum, Advanced Life Support ambulances. The need for routine Critical Care services is not necessary within the RFP.

2. In RFP Section III.3 (U) General Duties, does the requirement for non-disposable supplies include high-cost durable medical equipment such as defibrillators that may be damaged?

**ANSWER:** The Germantown Fire Department maintains service and repair contracts for the department's cardiac monitor/defibrillators. The successful vendor will not bear responsibility for service or repair of these items.

3. In RFP Section III.6 (E) Available Ambulances, the RFP indicates that the backup ambulances are not required until both primary ambulances are utilized, however at the Pre-proposal conference, it was indicated that they must come into service on a one-for-one basis as each of the primary ambulances are called into service. Please clarify the role of the backup ambulances and when each is required to be available for service.

**ANSWER:** If both primary ambulances are not in-service, available for calls, and not within the city limits of Germantown, a back-up ambulance shall be made available according to the RFP.

If the first back-up ambulance is dispatched on an EMS call and the two primary ambulances are still not in-service, available, and within the city limits of Germantown, a second back-up ambulance shall be made available according to the RFP.

Both back-up ambulances shall also be available for medical calls that require the transport of multiple patients, either to the same or various facilities or for multiple medical calls that occur within a condensed time period.

4. In Section III.8 (A) (5) Ambulance Specifications, what is the existing traffic pre-emption system being used in Germantown?

**ANSWER:** The City of Germantown uses the Opticom Traffic pre-emption system.

5. In Section 2 Medications, what specific equipment is being utilized currently?

**ANSWER:** "Instant" cold packs and chilled normal saline IV fluid are utilized to induce hypothermia after ROSC. In addition, Versed and Dopamine are available for use according to the EMS Medical Director's protocols. The cold packs are carried in each ALS kit with additional packs on each apparatus. Each apparatus carries a cooler to chill the IV fluid.

6. In Section 2 Equipment, Will Lucas device be an acceptable alternative?

**ANSWER:** Yes. The Lucas Device is an acceptable alternative.

7. In Section III.9 Ambulance Personnel, is this requirement specific to having crews on 24hrs shifts on each ambulance, or is the requirement only to have the ambulances available 24/7 and the crew shifts to accomplish this coverage at the option of the contractor?"

**ANSWER:** The crews assigned to the primary ambulances will work, full-time, 24-hour shifts that are consistent with the Germantown Fire Department's rotating shift schedule. The crews that staff the back-up ambulances can be staffed at the option of the contractor, but will still have to meet the requirements of the RFP.

8. In Section M, does the contractor have to have the paramedics certified in BOTH PEARS and PALS?

**ANSWER:** Yes. PEARS and PALS are required certifications for the contractor's paramedics.

In some cases, the above items may be clarifications and further explanations of the Specifications in the Request for Proposal. However, any changes to the Specifications will be incorporated in the Contract Documents for this Project. All CONTRACTORS must acknowledge receipt of this Addendum No. 2 on **the attached Addendum Acknowledgement form** when submitting a Proposal for consideration.

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## ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Proposer acknowledges receipt of the following addenda (as applicable):

Addendum No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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